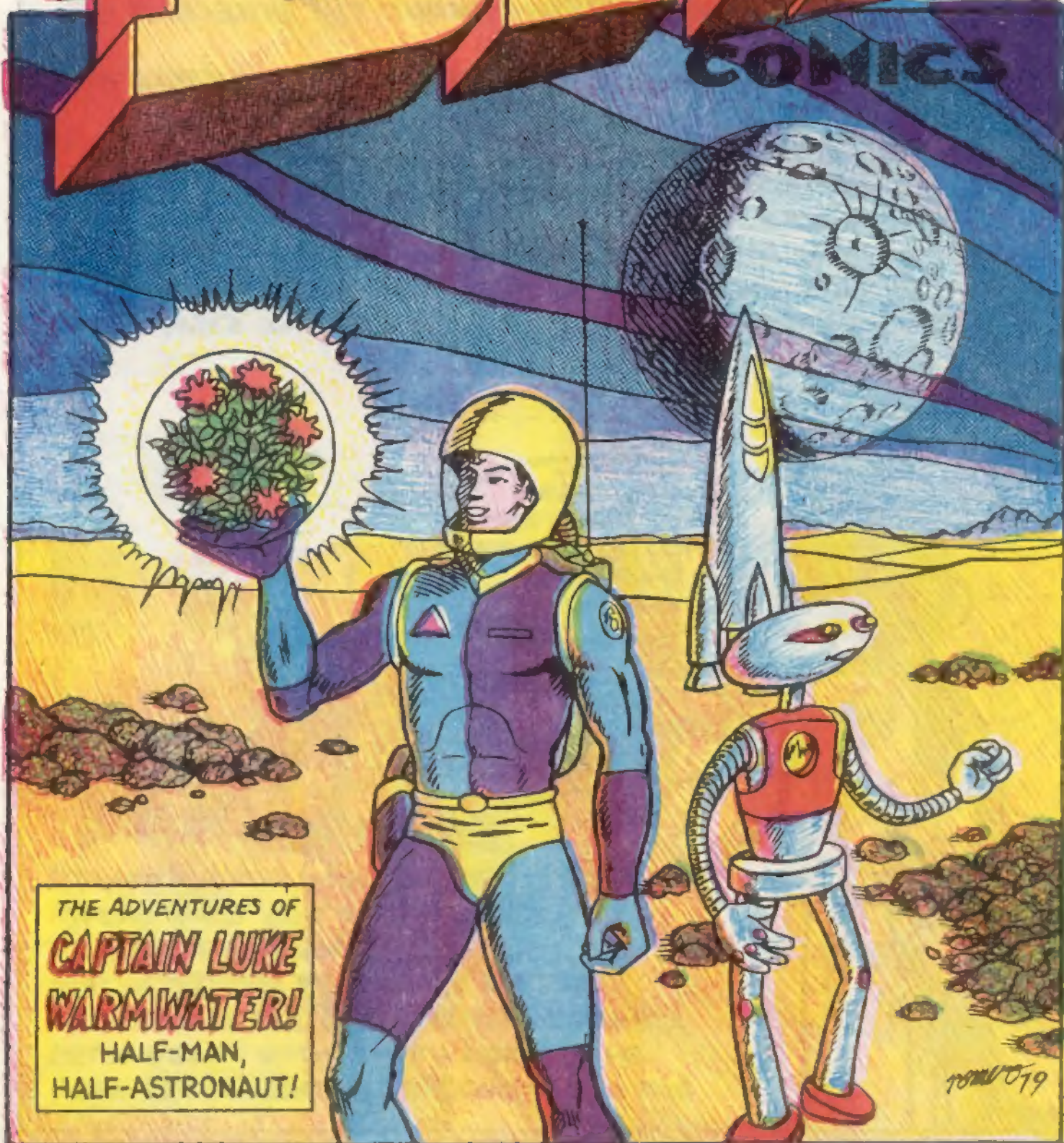




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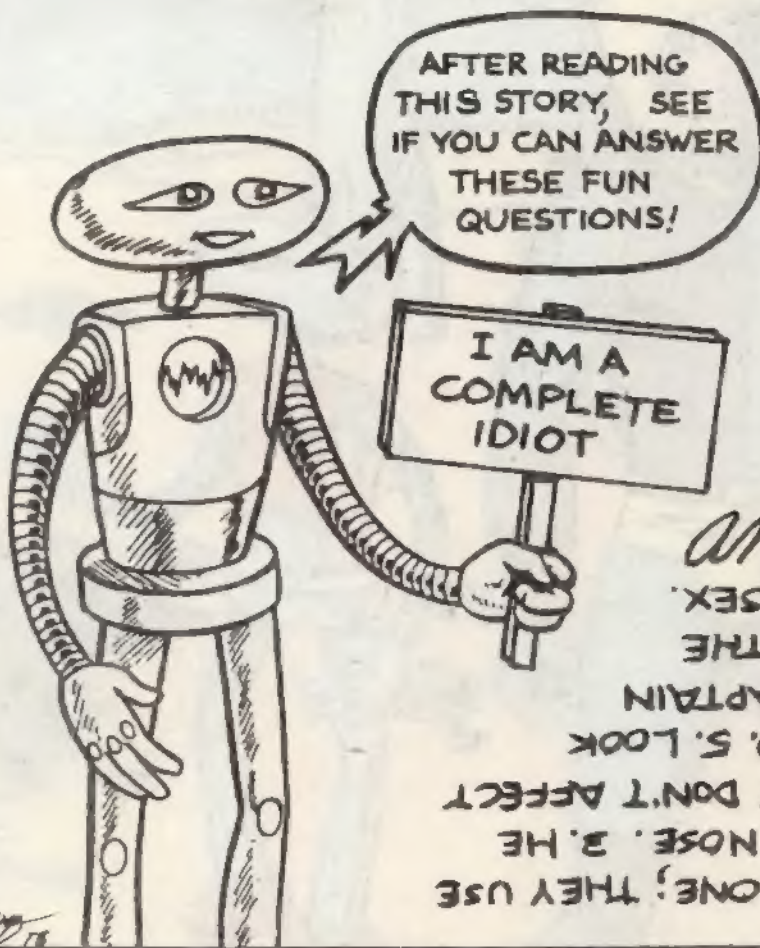


THE ADVENTURES OF
**CAPTAIN LUKE
WARMWATER!**
HALF-MAN,
HALF-ASTRONAUT!

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Stupid's FUN PAGE

1. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF NEW JERSEY?
2. HOW DID THE ZAPIANS STRAIGHTEN OUT THE NOSECONE OF WARMWATER'S SHIP?
3. DOES STUPID DO DRUGS, OR IS HE JUST NATURALLY THAT WAY?
4. HOW COME THE ZAPIANS SPEAK ENGLISH?
5. HOW CAN CAPT. WARMWATER BE SUCH A CLUTZ, AND STILL COMMAND THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF MILLIONS OF EARTH PEOPLE?
6. WHO IS THE VILLAIN IN THE STORY, AND WHY?
7. WHAT SHOULD YOU INFER FROM THE SEGMENT ON PAGE 8 WHEN WARMWATER AND KENA GO TO SEE THE "SIGHTS"?



Answers-

1. NEW JERSEY DOESN'T HAVE ONE; THEY USE DELAWARE'S. 2. GOD ONLY NOSE. 3. HE TAKES DOWNERS, BUT THEY DON'T AFFECT HIM. 4. ALIENS ALWAYS DO. 5. LOOK AT RONALD REAGAN. 6. CAPTAIN WARMWATER, FOR GIVING THE ZAPIANS DISCO MUSIC. 7. SEX.

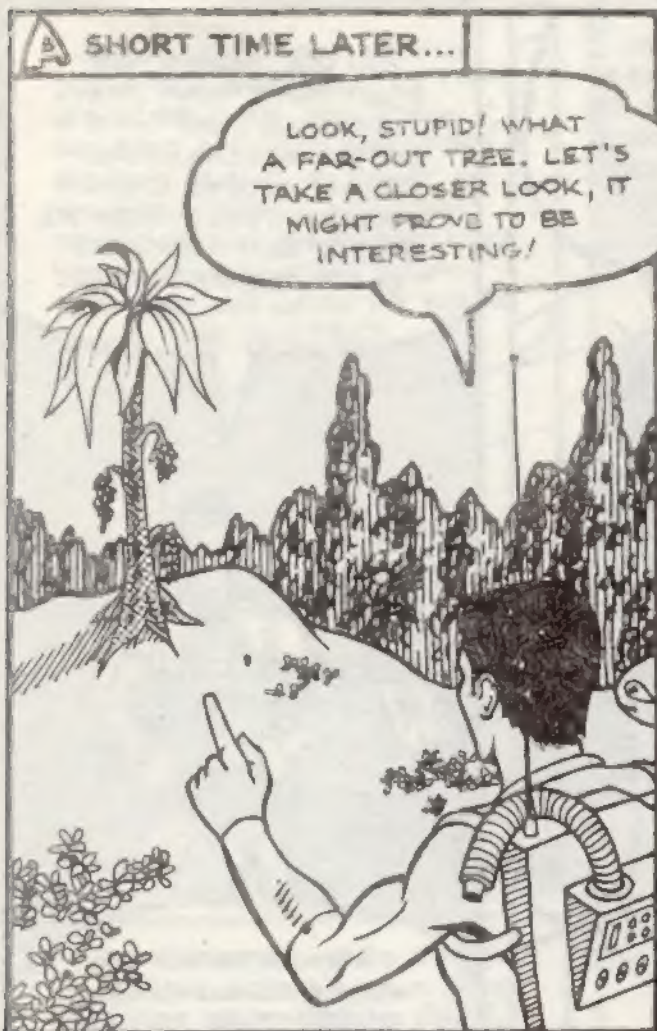
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CAPTAIN LUKE WARMWATER WAS READY TO GET BLASTED OFF! HIS SURGICALLY IMPLANTED SLOW-RELEASE STIMULA-TAB WAS JUST KICKING IN AS HE STEPPED UP TO THE MIKES. MEDIA PEOPLE CROWDED THE AREA, EACH HOPING FOR A SPECIAL INSIGHT INTO THIS PART-TIME ASTRONAUT WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RECREATIONAL DRUGS!

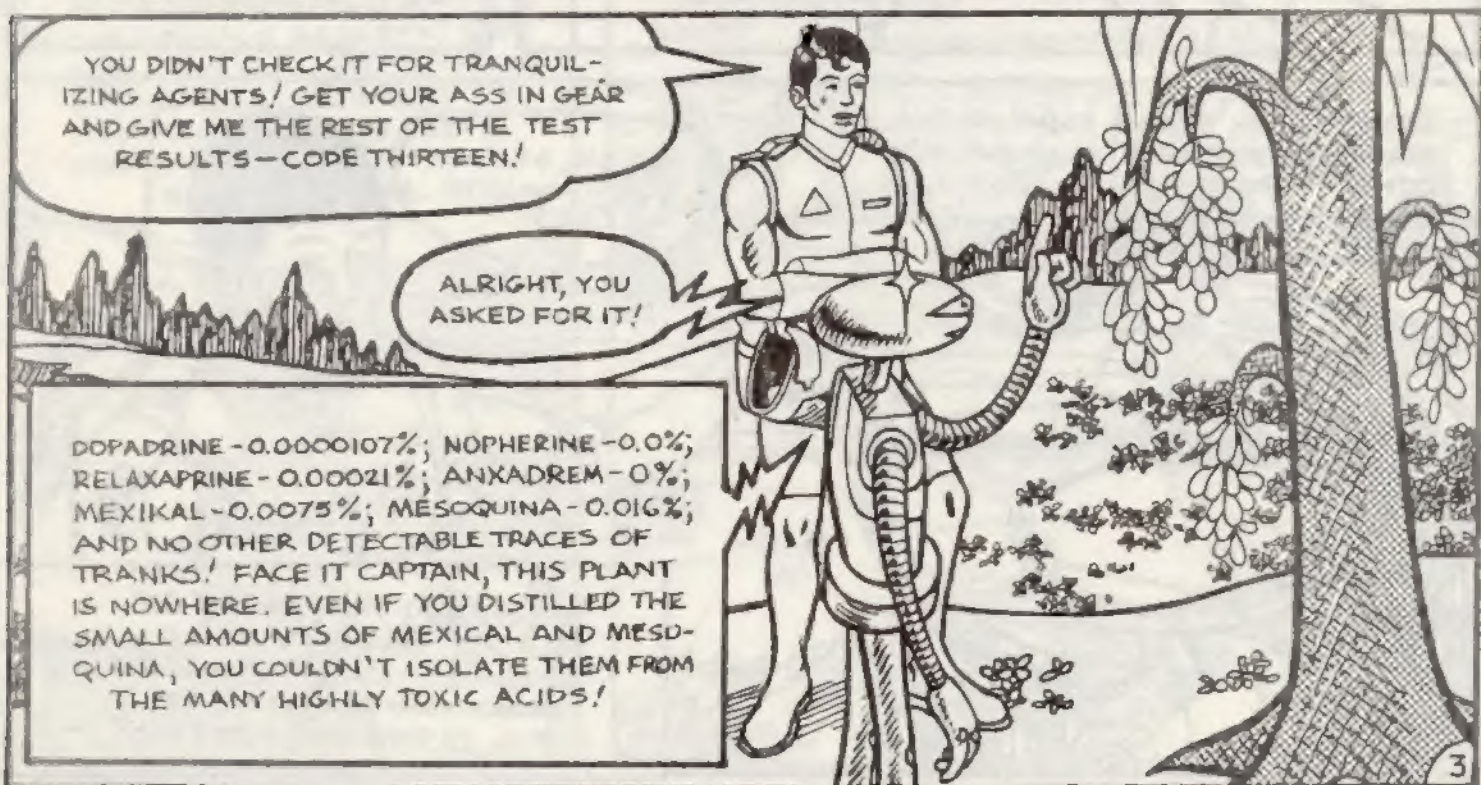
I SHALL RETURN WITH
NEW EUPHORIA-PRODUCING
SUBSTANCES FOR A
BURNT-OUT WORLD! NO
UM, FLASHES, PLEASE!
LIKE, WOW.



STORY AND ART-
ARTIE ROMERO



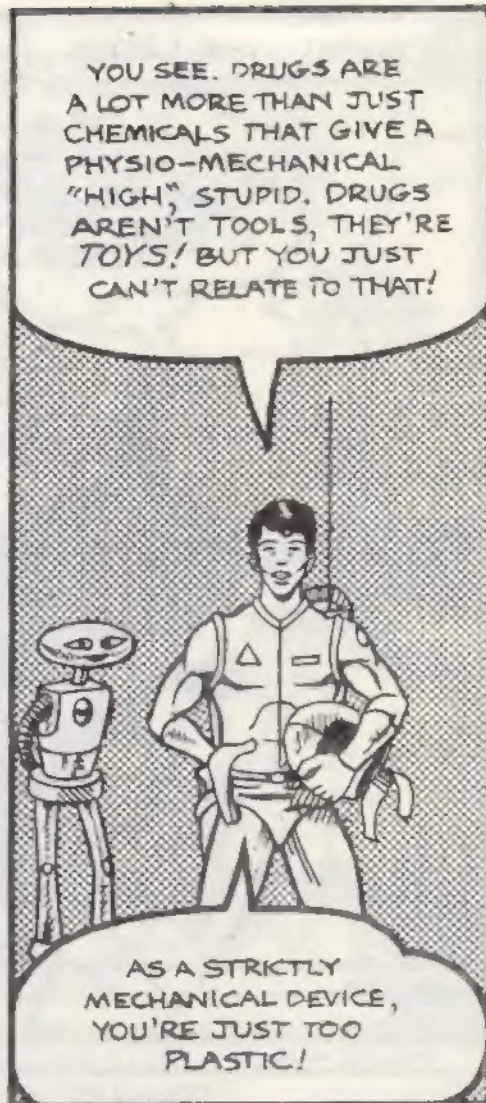
LUKE PLUCKS A LEAF FROM THE TREE AND INSERTS IT IN STUPID'S ANALYZER ORIFICE! THE ROBOT WHIRRS AND CLICKS SOFTLY AS THE AUTO LAB PROCESSES THE SAMPLE, THEN THERE IS A PAUSE AS THE COMPUTO-POD COLLATES THE RESULTS. THE VERDICT IS THEN ANNOUNCED IN STUPID'S FLAT, METALIC VOICE!





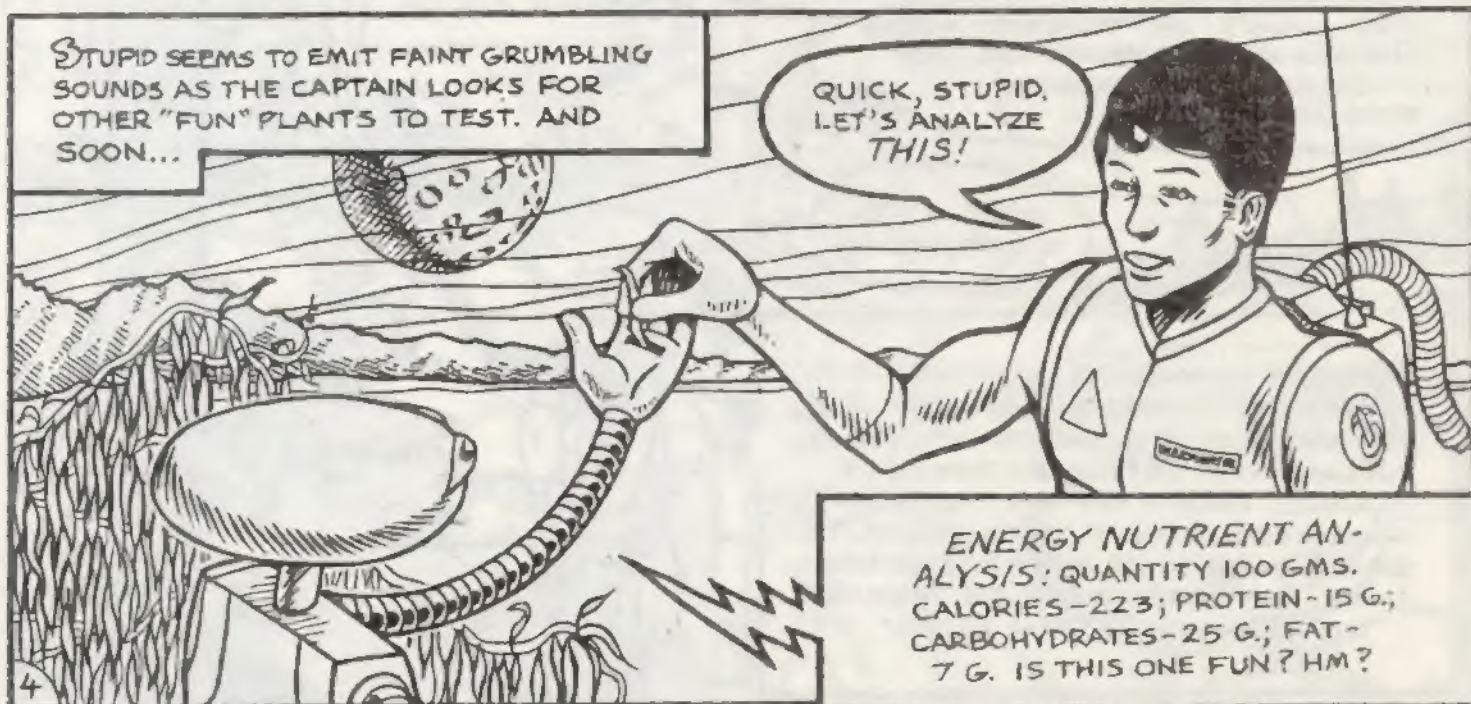
AW, YOU'RE NO FUN, STUPID. THIS IS EXCELLENT!

I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD IN SALADS OR AS A SPINACH SUBSTITUTE. SO WHAT IF IT'S POISONOUS AND YOU CAN'T SMOKE IT? IT'S STILL FUN!



YOU SEE. DRUGS ARE A LOT MORE THAN JUST CHEMICALS THAT GIVE A PHYSIO-MECHANICAL "HIGH," STUPID. DRUGS AREN'T TOOLS, THEY'RE TOYS! BUT YOU JUST CAN'T RELATE TO THAT!

AS A STRICTLY MECHANICAL DEVICE, YOU'RE JUST TOO PLASTIC!

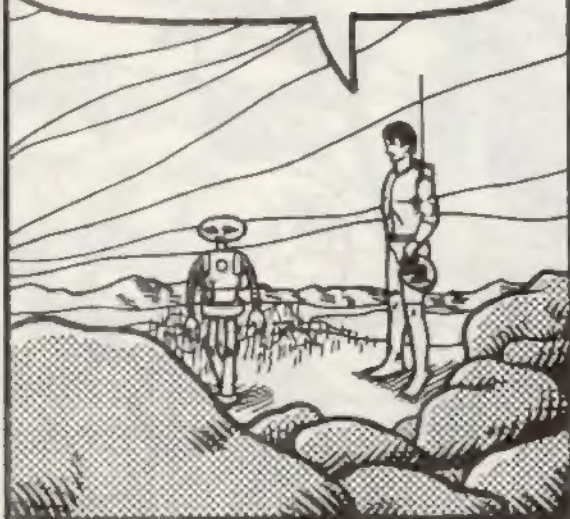


STUPID SEEMS TO EMIT FAINT GRUMBLING SOUNDS AS THE CAPTAIN LOOKS FOR OTHER "FUN" PLANTS TO TEST. AND SOON...

QUICK, STUPID. LET'S ANALYZE THIS!

ENERGY NUTRIENT ANALYSIS: QUANTITY 100 GMS. CALORIES-223; PROTEIN-15 G.; CARBOHYDRATES-25 G.; FAT-7 G. IS THIS ONE FUN? HM?

DON'T ACT STUPID, STUPID!
I CAN TELL WHEN YOU'RE TRY-
ING TO BE CUTE. YOU KNEW I
WANTED A *DRUG ANALYSIS*
OF THIS PLANT. ALRIGHT, SO
YOUR BATTERIES ARE LOW!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE
TO TRY TO BRING ME DOWN!
BUT HELL, AS LONG AS WE'RE
ON THE SUBJECT...



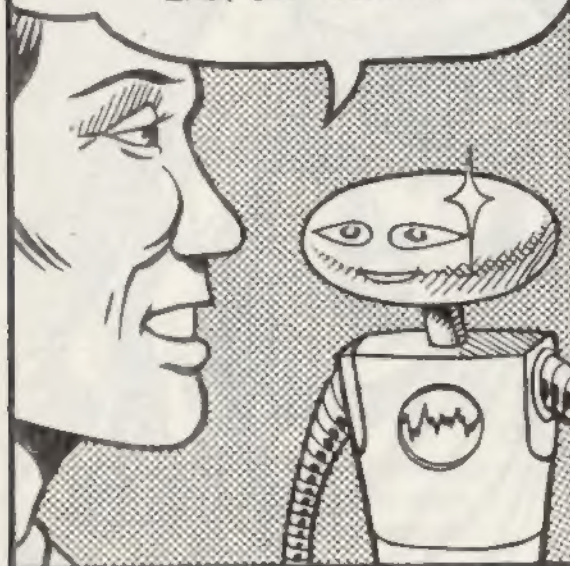
...WHAT'S THE
ESSENTIAL
AMINO ACID
PATTERN?



METHIONINE	PRESENT
THREONINE	PRESENT
TRYPTOPHAN	PRESENT
ISOLEUCINE	PRESENT
LEUCINE	PRESENT
LYSINE	ABSENT
VALINE	PRESENT
PHENYLALANINE	PRESENT

WARMWATER HAD A
WAY OF GETTING
SIDETRACKED LIKE
THAT! THE UNITED
NATION'S ASTRO-
DRUG AUTHORITY
HAD SPENT MILLIONS
OF CREDITS ON HIS
TRAINING AND
TRAVEL EXPENSES,
ONLY TO HAVE HIM
GET BOGGED DOWN
IN IRRELEVANT FAC-
TORS LIKE NUTRI-
TION AND TASTE.
BUT THEY LET HIM
DO THINGS HIS WAY!
HIS CREDENTIALS
AS A DOPER WERE
IMPECCABLE, AS
THE DISCOVERER
OF HUNDREDS OF
NEW HIGHS. THEY
KNEW HE WAS
BOUND TO BE A
LITTLE *SPACED*
OUT AT VARIOUS
TIMES! HEH, HEH!

THIS PLANT MIGHT BE GOOD
IN BEAN SALAD OR AS A SIDE
DISH. OR MAYBE IN A *DRIED*
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, OR
FOR WEAVING BASKETS! THAT
WOULD BE FUN, *WEAVING A*
BASKET, OR YOU COULD USE
THE FIBER TO MAKE *ROPE*
FOR *MACRAMÉ* PLANT HANG-
ERS! OR MAYBE...



SUDDENLY LUKE'S IDLE SPEC-
ULATION IS INTERRUPTED BY A
LOUD SCREAM! CAPTAIN
WARMWATER PULLS OUT HIS
LASER...



QUICKLY, WE
MUST INVESTIGATE
THAT SOUND!

PEEKING OVER A LEDGE, LUKE WARM-
WATER SEES A WOMAN FIGHTING A
HUGE BEAST!!



WARMWATER'S REFLEXES TAKE OVER
AND HE FIRES, STUNNING THE BEAST,
OR SO HE THOUGHT!



PEACE, SISTER! I'M CAPTAIN LUKE
WARMWATER FROM PLANET EARTH. I'M
SEARCHING SPACE FOR NEW FORMS OF
RECREATIONAL DRUGS AND
THE LIKE!



YOU'RE BOTH STUPID! WHAT DO YOU
MEAN BY ZAPPING MY HALLUCINATION?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO BUM MY TRIP OR
SOMETHING? OR MAYBE MAKE ME FEEL
WEAK AND HELPLESS NEXT TO YOUR
GIANT MALE EGO?! IT WON'T WORK,
'CAUSE I'M SECURE IN MY WOMAN-
HOOD! THAT'S WHY I SOLIDO-THOT
HALLUCINATED THAT MONSTER!



AFTER HOURS OF ARGUING WITH THE ALIEN WOMAN ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM POLITICS TO SEAFOOD, WARMWATER SAYS...

YOU SAID YOU *HALLUCINATED* THAT MONSTER, KEENA, BUT I SAW IT TOO! HOW CAN THAT BE?! I MEAN, I'VE HEARD OF CONTACT HIGHS, BUT THIS IS *RIDICULOUS!*

WE OF THE PLANET ZAPIO HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING FOR YEARS WITH VARIOUS CONSCIOUSNESS-ALTERING SUBSTANCES! BUT RECENTLY WE DEVELOPED A *MACHINE* THAT MAKES MOST OF OUR PSYCHEDELIC CHEMICALS OBSOLETE! IT'S GREAT!

I HAD ONE IMPLANTED IN MY HAND!

IN YOUR HAND, HUH? THAT'S *AMAZING!* SO THIS MACHINE MUST CREATE A *FIELD* WHICH EXTENDS—

WARMWATER REFLECTS ON THE POSSIBILITIES PRESENTED BY A MACHINE WHICH MAKES HALLUCINATIONS *REAL....*

"EARTH PEOPLE HAVE NEEDED RECREATIONAL DRUGS THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AND SOMETIMES DANGEROUS CHEMICALS LIKE *ALCOHOL* HAVE BEEN USED! *ALCOHOL* DESTROYS THE BRAIN AND LIVER OF THE USER! BAD STUFF!"

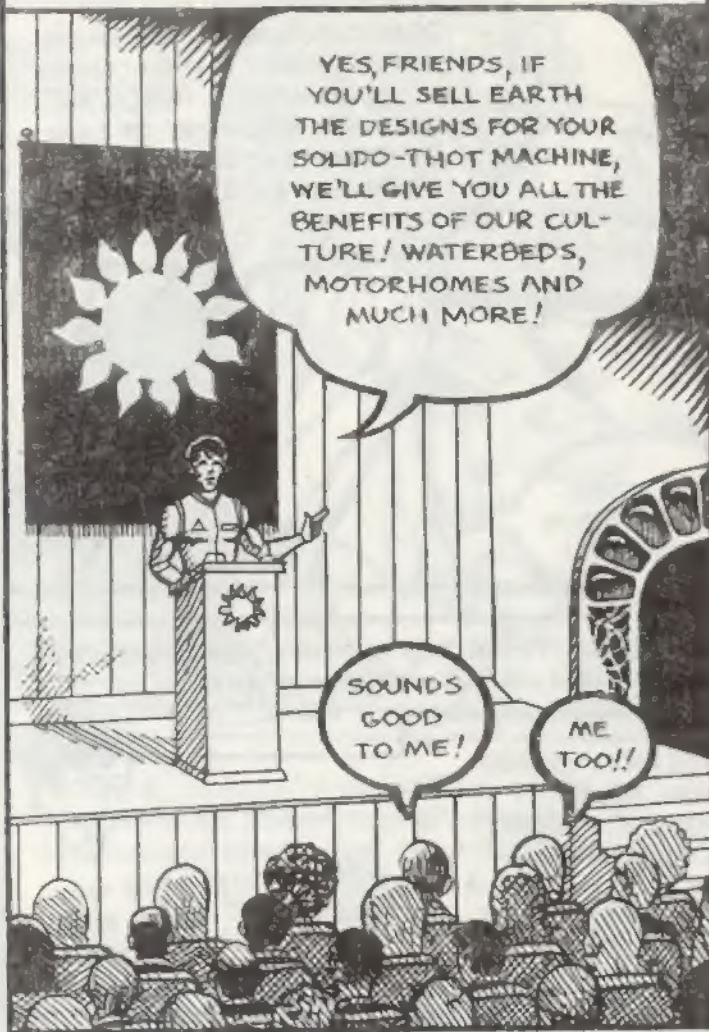
"SO EARTHLINGS BEGAN INGESTING HERBS LIKE *MARIJUANA* AND PSYCHOACTIVE PLANTS LIKE *PEOTE CACTUS*, *BELLADONNA*, AND *MUSHROOMS!* THESE ARE ALL VERY DEAR TO MY *HEART!*"

"EARTH CHEMISTS, UPON INVESTIGATING THESE PLANTS, WERE ABLE TO ISOLATE THEIR ACTIVE COMPONENTS. PEOPLE BOUGHT THE SYNTHESIZED CHEMICALS IN DRUG STORES, THUS SAVING MUCH *LEGWORK!*"

"BUT IF WE WERE TO SWITCH TO *YOUR* FORM OF ESCAPISM, WE COULD AVOID HAVING TO TAKE ANY PILLS ORALLY. THAT WOULD BE TERRIFIC, SINCE MOST DRUGS *TASTE TERRIBLE!*"

YES, THE *SOLIDO-THOT* FIELD EXTENDS FAR BEYOND ONE'S BODY, INTO OTHERS' MINDS!

KENA THEN TRANSPORTS CAPTAIN WARMWATER AND HERSELF TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE OF ZAPIO'S GOVERNMENT. LATER, AT A GOVERNMENT RECEPTION....



WARMWATER SPENDS THE NEXT FEW WEEKS MEETING WITH OFFICIALS, RESEARCHING ZAPIO'S VEGETATION, AND SEEING THE "SIGHTS" WITH KENA, THE ALIEN WOMAN.



UNDER WARMWATER'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE ZAPIANS REPAIR HIS SPACESHIP AND LOAD DIFFERENT TYPES OF PLANTS AND TREES INTO THE SHIP'S CARGO COMPARTMENT.



WARMWATER BLASTS OFF ZAPIQ, CARRYING WITH HIM
A MUTUAL AGREEMENT: ROLLERCOASTERS, FROZEN
PIZZAS, AND DISCO MUSIC FOR ZAPIQ; AND NEW
ELECTRONICALLY-INDUCED HALLUCINATIONS FOR
EARTH! ZOWIE!



Captain Luke Warmwater says:

HEY KIDS,
GET STONED!
DO IT
TODAY!!

